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A LETTER *to a Country Gentleman, shewing what Sentiments and Dispositions qualify a Man for a good Minister of State; occasioned by the last* Craftsman.

SIR,

YOU know very well, that I long ago determined, in Justice to the Publick, to pursue the *Craftsman* thro' all his *silly Tricks* and *false Reasoning*; I will therefore go on, watch him narrowly, and examine him thoroughly.

After he has allowed, in the Beginning of his last Paper, *that* ALL *personal Enquiries should be avoided*, he nodds, and says, SOME *may be excus'd into*; and then affirms, "that 'tis justifiable "to examine into *private Characters*; and that "the People hath as just a Right to enquire into "the *private Virtues and Vices* of the Person who "is entrusted with the Care of the Publick, as "any Gentleman has to demand the Character "of his Steward."

Mr. *D'Anvers* would, I believe, be very much puzzled to make out this *Right* of the People, to examine into the *private Vices* or *Virtues* of Ministers: His Instance of a *Steward* (for he always runs to *Inferiors*, thro' an *Incapacity* of Reasoning) will not do; for the Reason, why every Gentleman has a *Right* to examine into the Conduct of his Steward, is because he *chuses* his Steward. Besides, it doth not always follow, that if a Man has been *vicious in private Life*, he will be *vicious in publick Life*. We know a great Number of Instances to the contrary; and, among many others, could name a late noble L—d, who, notwithstanding his *private ill Conduct*, had the *Publick* as much at Heart, and pursued the *Good of his Country* with as much Steadiness, Zeal and Integrity as an old *Roman Patriot*. Nor does it follow, that because a Man is vicious in one Part of his Life, he will be so in *others*; or VICIOUS *one Way*, therefore he'll be so *all Ways*; for how often do Men change! and become perfectly *different* Creatures, in *different* Parts of their Lives, and under *different* Circumstances.

This we mention, to shew that Mr. *D'Anvers's* Reasoning is *weak and childish*; that he discovers no Knowledge of the World, nor of Human Nature.

But taking it for granted, that Men will always bring their *private Characters* into *publick Life*; that they will be *always* the same Creatures; and that their *personal Virtues and Vices* will constantly become *national Virtues and Vices*: Let it be granted also, *that we know by History, and feel by daily Experience, how much private Passions influence publick Affairs*; (which the *Author of the Craftsman* know well;) we will join Issue upon *these Principles* Mr. *D'Anvers* hath laid down; and as he has brought upon the Stage a Minister, who, in private Life, was *covetous, cruel, timorous, dissolute, humoral, insincere and unjust*, and then shewn how *those Passions* would influence him in a *publick Capacity*; we have an equal Right to produce *another Minister*, whom, some Years ago, you was intimately acquainted with; we have an equal Right to shew what *this Minister* was, and what you and all your Friends *knew him* to be; and then point out the Relation between his *private* and *his publick* Virtues.

The Minister, whose Picture we see now drawing, without *Partiality or Flattery*, and for which we expect no Reward, but the *Pleasure* of doing Justice, was, when a Country Gentleman, and in private Life, a very worthy good Man, beloved by all Men: He pursued, in an uncommon Degree, that Virtue which is *fundamental* to Honesty, *Temperance*; his very *Pleasures* were temperate, nor was he ever known to engage in any Pursuits which were inconsistent with Virtue, or had a *natural* Tendency to make a Man vicious. He was *just* to all Men, *benevolent* to his Friends, and generous to his Enemies: He had a Heart as open and as honest as his Countenance; and took more Delight in doing Good to others, than in advancing any Interest of his own: His *publick Affections* were stronger than his *private*; so that he would often *be honest* at his *own Expence*, and do kind Actions, when perhaps he could not afford to do them: This is an Error indeed, but so beautiful a one, that we are forced to *love* while we are forced to *condemn*. But to go on: This Gentleman was not only *humane* and well disposed to Persons about him, but he had, very early, implanted in his Nature *a strong Love of the Publick*, and the highest Regard to the *Laws and Liberties* of his Country.

After he was chosen Member of Parliament, come up to Town, and mingled with the World, it appeared, that besides these *moral* Qualifications, he had great *natural* Abilities. He understood the *Passions* very well; which, being the *Spring* of almost all our Actions, is the most necessary Knowledge in the World to form a great Man; he had a ready and quick Discernment of the *Differences and Variety* of the Passions, and could soon perceive the *Leading Passion*, or the Passion of the Soul; so that he could not long be ignorant of the *governing Principle*, nor be at a Loss how to find the Way to the Heart. Besides, this *Discernment of the Passions*, he had a very *good Memory*, which is absolutely necessary to *register all the Materials* which must be made use of to build up and carry on extensive Views for the Good of Society. With these Abilities, he had a strong, nervous, manly Eloquence, and was able, in popular Assemblies, to *speak to those Passions*, which he had before *discover'd*, he was able to *give Reasons* for what he intended to do; to place them in such a Light, to cloath them in such Words, and deliver them in such a manner as to warm the Heart, rouze the Passions, and make the Hearers feel the Sentiments, and thoroughly convince them, that he is a *Friend to Mankind*, and *Patron of Liberty*.

Such a Man, Sir, have all the Friends to Liberty known this Minister; and *this Character* of him being true, it may be justly presumed, that *some*, if not *all of those Virtues* will enter into his *publick Life*. "We cannot imagine, (as Mr. *D'Anvers* very well says), "that the Change of his "*Condition* will change his *Manners*: On the con"trary, *Power and Wealth* will furnish him with "the Means of doing that Good, which his "*generous Heart* inclines him to: And, as the "*Power* of doing Good increases, the *Inclination* "to it is not likely to abate; nor can it be sup"posed that the Opportunities of doing Good "will make a good Man worse.

But *Facts*, in the Case of this Minister, fully justifies what the *Voice of Reason* so plainly declares. He has, thro' the several Parts of a long Administration, shewn a steady Regard to the *Laws and Liberties* of his Country; and hath exercised that *Humanity* in publick Life, which he was so justly fam'd for in private Life. So that when his Enemies triumphantly ask, *what Good he has done?* the Answer is ready; Acted always within our ancient Laws, and been the Means of making several excellent new ones: He has guarded our *Liberties at Home*; and been constantly *negotiating Abroad*, with this sole Intention, *to keep off a general War*; which must, in Consequence, nearly affect our *Trade and Commerce*, our *Manufactures*, and the *Poor*. He hath done this Good; and this is all the Good that I know we can expect of a Minister. If 'tis asked, what Evil he has done? The only plausible Answer is, *He has been with the Indignities and Insults of Spain*. Whereas what they *call an Evil*, may, for ought they know, be *really a Good*; for if it was better, *upon the whole*, to bear with their Evils for a Time, than to precipitate the Nation into a War, and involve all Europe in Blood and Confusion; then the bearing of their Evils was not Cowardice, but *Wisdom*; not *Fear*, but a *fixed Resolution* to do for future just as the *Nature of Things*, and the *Circumstances of Affairs* demanded. The *Craftsman* may as justly ask, why the Minister bears his Indignities and Insinuations, his insincere Friendship, and fraudulent Abuse of the Government, and all Parties concerned in it from the highest to the lowest? And the Answer is, because there is no destroying his *Licentiousness*, without destroying *Liberty itself*. We are forced to bear with those *lesser Evils*, for the sake of a *much greater Good*: And so *Spain* herself hath obliged us to act with relation to *Spain*. The good Effects of which cool deliberate Management are already partly seen; and will shortly be generally felt.

But the *little part half-thinking* Authors of the *Craftsman* never take any Notice of *Reason or Argument*; but, when they charge the Ministry with all the Guilt that 'tis possible to charge upon any Ministry, and are bid *prove their Charge*, their Answer is, *How can we prove it, but as we have prov'd it?* that is, *we can't prove it at all*. A very fine Confession, truly!

Before I conclude, I am obliged to take Notice of a Maxim laid down in the *Craftsman*, which is, *That Opposition to a Ministry, though a good one, never did any Harm*. *Fact* is against this Maxim; for it did a great deal of Harm in King *William's* Reign: And *Reason* is also against it; for great Opposition to a good Ministry, constant *weekly Misrepresentations* of their Actions, and *Abuse of their Persons*, naturally tend to weaken their Hands, and render them *odious* at Home, and *contemptible* Abroad. The Application that is necessary, to guard themselves against their Enemies, takes 'em off from *thinking upon or effecting* those good Things for the Nation, which they would otherwise do; and it keeps *Foreign Powers*, who are at Variance with us, from *complying with our Measures*, under a firm Persuasion that a Ministry so hunted, so savagely used, so vilely traduced, and ignominiously treated, can't long stand their Ground.

I have, my Friend! many more Things to say to you; one is, about what the *Craftsman* mentions concerning *Cato's* Advice to *Cæsar*, *to disband his Legions, and submit the Judgment of the* Roman *Senate*: But as Things then stood at *Rome*, *Cæsar* would not have been a *wise Man*, not *just to* himself nor to the Publick, if he had done it: For he would only have *resigned* his Power into *Pompey's* Hands, who, if we may judge from *private Life and Character*, would not have done so well with it as *Cæsar*; perhaps much worse; while *Cæsar* would have left himself at the Mercy of his mortal Enemy, *covered with all Power*, and he destitute of all Power.——*Let him that reads understand.*

I am, dear SIR,

Affectionately Thine,

F. OSBORNE.

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Seville, July 27.

MR. Keene, his Britannick Majesty's Minister Plenipotentiary having informed this Court that the Squadron of his Majesty's Ships under the Command of Sir Charles Wager, Admiral of the Blue, which is to attend the Introduction of the Spanish Garrisons, was shortly expected at Cadiz, and that Sir Charles Wager would come hither in Person to settle every thing with them for that Expedition, a Mouth was immediately ordered to be fitted up here for his Reception; and Directions are sent to Cadiz for the proper Honours to be paid there to his Britannick Majesty's Flag, and also for making the necessary Dispositions for the Accommodation of the Squadron. Some Spanish Men of War, commanded by the Conde de Clavijo, having some time ago forc'd a Bologanese, named the St. Charles, belonging to Gibraltar, which had on board, as Passengers, some Moors with Merchandize belonging to them, bound from Algiers to Tetuan, Orders have been given for the Restitution and Discharge of the Ship and Men, and of her whole Cargo, including the Moors and their Effects. Another Order has also been issued for the Restitution of a considerable Sum of Money, belonging to the British South Sea Company, that had been seized during the late Troubles.

Seville, Aug. 3. The King of Spain [illegible] Don Luis [illegible] his Catholick Majesty's Council of the [illegible]

Don Francisco Manuel de Herrera, Fiscal of the Tribunal of the Contratation House for the Indies, and Don Joseph de la Quintana, his Commissary, to treat with those of his Britannick Majesty, concerning such Matters as are referred by the Treaty of Seville to the Examination, Discussion and Decision of Commissaries to be respectively appointed by the two Crowns for that purpose: Of which Notice was, by his Catholick Majesty's Order, given to Mr. Keene the 29th of last Month, by a Letter from Don Joseph Patinho, Secretary of State for the Affairs of the Marine, the Indies, and the Finances.

Cadiz, Aug. 7. The *Argonts* are now near Departure; and we are assured, the Registers for the Havanna and Carthagena will sail with them. Last Week arrived an *Avizo* from the Havanna. She was dispatched from hence, as it is said, with Orders to detain the *Argonts* there till the Arrival of the Galleons; but she arrived 10 Days after they left that Port, and made only a Stay of about six or eight Days, and then return'd. She brings Letters from Porto Bello of the 13th of April, and no other News but what has been formerly mentioned.

The Princess Amelia, Capt. Michael Hay, arrived here last Week from the Coast of Africa with a Cargo of Boys and Girls.

Last Week there was a Meeting of the Commerce; at the breaking up of which, an Express was dispatched to Court, as it is said, with a Petition accompanied with some Proposals for the Delivery of the Treasure; but we do not hear that the Express is return'd as yet.

Sir Charles Wager is not yet arrived, but daily expected.

Corunna, Aug. 10. The 6th of this Month a Squadron of 18 large Ships was seen off of Cape Prior, standing to the Westward with a strong North-East Wind, and is supposed to be the British Squadron commanded by Sir Charles Wager, bound for Cadiz. The Regiments designed for Italy are ordered to get ready for Embarkation at Cadiz. All possible Diligence is used at Ferrol in fitting out three Spanish Men of War which are to repair to Cadiz; as are also two others of 70 Guns each, and one of 50, that sailed from St. Andero six Days ago.

Paris, Aug. 10. On Friday last, the Advocates of the Parliament met in the great Hall, about the *Arrest* of the King's Council of State, whereby their Appeal from the Ordinance of the Archbishop of Paris is removed before the said Council; the Advocates being in that Ordinance declared to be Hereticks, &c. In that Assembly, it was resolved to petition the Parliament, and even the King, if there should be Occasion; and shew, that in case the said Ordinance should have its Effect, the Advocates, as Hereticks, could no longer exercise their Functions, but would be obliged to quit the Court, pursuant to an ancient Royal Declaration, whereby all Roman Catholick Advocates are forbid to have any Communication or Correspondence whatsoever, in any Affair, with the Hereticks or Protestants.

The Miracles ascribed to Abbot Paris begin to make an astonishing Noise in this great City; to which same Occasion has been given by an old Woman, named De Lorme, an Invalid's Widow, aged 60. This Woman was neither Sick nor Lame, but went on Saturday last, supported by two Women of her Acquaintance, to the Abbot's Grave, pretending to be cured of a Lameness which was Counterfeit, but in reality to ridicule the Notion of those Miracles. However, having lain upon the Abbot's Grave about a Quarter of an Hour, the Imposture discovered it self, the Old Woman being seized with such a terrible real Lameness, that she could not get up again, but screamed out, crying in most dismal Plight, *Misericorde! —— Mon dieu, vous m'avez puni de ma tromperie! Prêtez moi votre secours de grace! Ayez pitié de moi Dieu & de ses saints! Lord have Mercy upon me!* O God, thou hast punished me for my Imposture! This is to be laugh at God and his Saints! Upon which those compassionate People standing around the Court, moved with her Tears and Lamentations, carried her from the Grave to her own House, and from thence to the Hotel Dieu, where finding her self very ill, she sent for her Confessor, and desired to be confessed, which she was. On Monday the same Confessor (formerly the Abbot Chauvelin, a Doctor of Sorbonne, and one that has accepted the Constitution) went to her again at the Hotel Dieu, taking with him two Notaries, to make an Instrument. Being all three come into the Ward, where the Sick Woman lay in her Bed, the Abbot declared, that that Woman, before she confess'd, desired him not only to make known all that is above said of her Counterfeit Lameness, but also to communicate it to the Archbishop of the City; which M. Chauvelin did: Whereupon the Notaries drew up an Instrument agreeable to that Declaration, which was signed by all the Persons present, to the Number of above 30. The incredulous Constitutionists, not being able to dispute the Truth of this Story, strive to make the Old Woman's Illness pass for a natural Distemper, occasion'd by one of her Age lying so long on the cold Marble, and being probably in a Sweat when she was first laid down upon it. Be that as it will, 'tis certain that they are more disturbed and uneasy about this Accident, which the generality of People will have to be a Judgment, than for a Thousand others. To conclude, 'tis almost incredible what Feuds, what Contentions, nay what Quarrels and Fights daily confound the Peace and Quiet of this City, and set Friends and Neighbours, not Catholick and Protestant, but Catholick and Catholick, together by the Ears, about what neither Party understands.

Paris, August 25. Commissioners are named to try the Cause between Father Girard and Mademoiselle Cadieres; and 'tis generally believed it will be decided in favour of that Jesuite.

On the 16th, the Dutchess de Boufflers was brought to Bed of a Son.

M. Cely, Intendant of Paris, is return'd from Compeigne, whither he went by the King's Order, to examine into the Nature of the Distempers that prevail there; of which he has given his Majesty an Account; and 'tis thought the Journey to that Place will be laid aside for this Year.

M. de Bouville, Intendant of Orleans, is made Counsellor of State, in the room of M. d'Argouges deceased.

M. Chiconeau, Chancellor of the University of Montpelier, and Son-in-Law to M. Chirac, First Physician to the King, is made First Physician to the Dauphin and the Children of France, and M. Boussiac Second Physician.

Edinburgh, August 12. The Commission of the General Assembly met here Yesterday. In the Forenoon they translated the Rev. Mr. Tullidaff from Dron to Markinch; and in the Afternoon, took under Consideration the Competition of Calls to the Parish of Kinrois, when Mr. Robert Stark Probationer was order'd to be settled Minister there by a great Majority.

And this Day they are to have under Consideration the Settlement of the Vacancy in the West Kirk Parish.

Sunday was fortnight died suddenly the Rev. Mr Patrick Lin, one of the Ministers at Dumfries.

Cambridge, August 6. The following Question was this Day put, and agreed to in Convocation.

'Whereas Philip Nichols, Doctor of Law, 'late Fellow of Trinity Hall, has been Guilty 'of stealing many Valuable Books out of St. John's 'College Library, and elsewhere, to the great 'Scandal and Dishonour of This University; 'Does it please you, that the said Philip Nichols, 'for his infamous Practices, be deprived, and for 'ever reputed Unworthy of all Rights and Privi-'leges, Honour and Degrees conferred upon him 'in Our University.

Canterbury, Aug. 14. We hear that on Thursday last Sir Robert Furnese dropt a Diamond out of his Ring of great Value on Bonham Downs, and that Yesterday Morning he sent two Servants to the said Downs, with a Promise of 15 Guineas Reward for any Person that found it: About half an Hour afterwards it was found by one Katherine Clark alias Swift, Sister to the Chimney Sweeper's Wife in St. Dunstan's near this City; it being drop'd over-against her Sister's Booth, and found under some Horse-Dung. The Reward was generously paid.

Bloxsham, August 16. The University of Oxford having lately begun a Collection for our unhappy Sufferers by the late Fire (several of whom were so burnt, as to be rendered incapable of ever working for their Bread) have, notwithstanding the said Collection not being yet finished, remitted to us 350 l. 4 s. And from that City we have received 102 l. 4 s. 5 d.

Northampton, August 16. Our Letters from Winslow in Bucks advise, that a Son-in-Law of Mr. Watson of Edgcote in that County, a great Grazier, and who lives in Warwickshire, was, on his Return from Winslow Fair, near East-Claydon, on Tuesday the 10th Instant, between six and seven in the Evening, stopt and inhumanly cut and abused in such a manner, that 'tis thought he cannot recover, and afterward robb'd of about 200 l. by two Highwaymen, very well mounted, the one on a grey Horse, and the other on a black one.

The same Person on the grey Horse, on Sunday the 8th Instant, robbed the Watlington Post-Boy near Sir Edward Simmon's, of 7 s and his Bag of Letters, in which were several Bills of considerable Sums belonging to the neighbouring Gentlemen and Shopkeepers.

On Saturday Night last died at his Seat at Guilsborough, John Ward, Esq; who was last Year High Sheriff for this County.

Bristol, Aug 12. Last Week arrived here, from Scotland, the Lord Cadogan's Regiment of Foot.

Gloucester, Aug 14. This Week died Major Kingscote, at his Seat at Kingscote in this County.

William Bell, Esq; was this Day nominated Mayor of this City for the Year ensuing.

There has been already collected in the several Parishes of this City 137 l. and upwards, towards the Relief of the poor Sufferers by the late dreadful Fires at Blandford and Tiverton.

Yesterday two Men were committed to the Castle Goal, viz. William Roper, for committing a Rape on the Body of Hester Mills of Cheltenham; and John Low, for Forgery and Extortion.

LONDON.

The Parliament, which stands prorogued to Thursday the 26th of this Instant August, is order'd to be further prorogued to Tuesday the 9th of November next.

His Majesty has been pleased to constitute and appoint the Right Honourable John Earl of Leicester to be Constable of the Tower of London, and also to be Lord Lieutenant of the Towers Hamlets and Cinque Ports in the same, in the room of the Right Hon. the Lord Viscount Lonsdale. And

On Thursday a Council was held at Hampton Court, at which Time he took the Oaths to qualify himself for the said Office.

On Thursday Morning the Lady of Sir Archer Croft, Bart. was safely deliver'd of a Son, at his House in Kensington-Square.

Sir Archer himself, who has been dangerously ill of the Small-pox, is now perfectly recover'd.

On Saturday last his Majesty, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, accompany'd by the Right Hon. Sir Robert Walpole, his Grace the Duke of Grafton, Duke of Dorset, the Lord Malpas, and several Persons of Distinction, took the Diversion of Hunting in the New Park at Richmond; they rouz'd a Stag, which gave them much Diversion for some time, on which his Majesty was pleased to spare him; the Right Hon. Sir Robert Walpole's Horse fell under him in the Chace, but without any Hurt to his Person; afterwards his Majesty returned to Hampton Court to Dinner; and his Royal Highness the Prince dined at Kew, and returned to Hampton Court in the Evening.

One Day last Week the Right Hon. Sir Robert Walpole sent 100 l. to Sir Gilbert Heathcote, President of St. Thomas's Hospital, and 100 l. more to Alderman Child, President of Christ's Hospital, as Charities to the said Hospitals, in Consequence of his being lately chosen a Governor of each of the said Hospitals.

John Newton, Esq; is appointed Receiver General of the Taxes for Part of the County of Devon, in the room of Samuel Burridge, Esq; who hath resign'd.

Joshua Pemberton, Esq; is appointed Receiver General of the Taxes in the County of Hertford, in the room of John Runnington, Esq;

Last Saturday Night one Samuel Streets, a Son of Mr. William Streets at the Spur-Inn in Southwark, hang'd himself in his own Room at the said Inn.

All the Dutch Ships have caught this Year but 40 Whales in Green land, and 240 in Davis's Streights.

Yesterday the Right Rev. Dr. Wilcox, lately translated from the See of Gloucester to that of Rochester, was confirmed at Bow Church, with the usual Ceremony.

The Departure of his Grace the Duke of Dorset, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, for that Kingdom, is put off till Monday next.

The Directors of the East India Company lately began a Subscription for the Sufferers by the late Fires at Tiverton, Blandford, and Ramsey, and altho' the same be not yet finished, yet they have remitted 500 l. and five Lottery Tickets to Tiverton, and the like to Blandford: They have not yet determined what Sum to allot Ramsey, it not appearing to bear any manner of Proportion in Loss with the other Towns.

On Thursday Capt. Usher had the Honour to kiss his Majesty's Hand, on his being appointed Governor of Gallway in Ireland, in the room of his Father-in-Law the Lord St. George, who has resigned.

On Monday Night, about Nine of the Clock, the Stage Coach belonging to Stoke Newington, was, in its Return home from London, set upon near that Town, and robb'd by one Highwayman, who took from the Passengers, (five Men and one Woman) a Watch and all their Money, to the Value of nine or ten Pounds.

On Wednesday last three Street Robbers were seiz'd at a House in Birdcage-Alley in Southwark, and committed to the New Prison there: They were watch'd from Leadenhall Street, and seen to go in there by a young Man whose Master they had lately robb'd.

This Day the Malefactors, who were condemned at last Kingston Assizes, are to be executed at Kingston.

On Tuesday last one Mr. Longworth was stabbed in the Artillery Ground by a Centinel, in a dangerous Manner. The Person, who stabbed him, is an Apprentice in Red-Cross-Street, of a good Character, and march'd for his Master. When the Arms were grounded in the Artillery Ground, he was placed Centinel over them, and then Mr. Longworth insulted and treated him in a very rough Manner, and unhappily provoked the young Man so far as to stab him with his Bayonet.

On Wednesday the Centinel of the Third Regiment of Foot Guards, encamp'd at Hampton Court, who robbed a poor Armenian Priest of 3 s. 6 d. was drumm'd out of the said Regiment with a Halter about his Neck, after having received 300 Lashes from the Battalion.

The Duke, Capt. Houghton, in the Service of the East India Company, arrived from Bombay at Surat the 23th of October last, and was to sail from thence in a few Days for Gombroon in Persia, and thence for Bengall, from whence she may be expected in March next.

The Rose Man of War, Capt. John Weller, sailed from Lisbon for the Streights between the 11th and 18th of July last.

The Falmouth Man of War, Capt. John Bing, was remaining at Lisbon the 24th of July last.

On Monday last the Hon. Col. Bragge, of the Third Regiment of Guards, went to Hampton Court, and kiss'd his Majesty's Hand on his being made Aid-de-camp to his Grace the Duke of Dorset, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and will embarque with his Grace for that Kingdom.

It having been represented to the Right Hon. the Lords of the Admiralty, that the Sails and Rigging on board his Majesty's Ships in Commission do very much decay, for want of a proper Person to take Care of them, (those Stores being formerly under the Boatswain's Care) their Lordships were pleased some time since to send their Orders to the Commissioners of the Navy to appoint a proper Sail-maker to go on board each of his Majesty's Ships, soon as commissioned, such Sail-makers first passing Examination before the Officers of any of his Majesty's Yards of their Qualifications, and how long they have followed Sail-making.

The Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy have been pleased to appoint Mr. William Follett to be Master Sail-maker on board his Majesty's Ship the Gosport.

Seals and Exceptions before Michaelmas Term, 1731.

Oct. 12	Mar.	First General Seal.
	13 Merc.	
	14 Jovis	Exceptions.
	15 Ven.	
	16. Sabbi.	
	18. Lunæ	
	19. Mar.	Second General Seal.
	20. Merc.	Petitions.

Mr. George Arbuthnott, who about two Years ago went out the 5th Supercargo of the East India Company's 4 Ships which lately arrived from China, having on the 14th ult. informed the Court of Directors of some unfair Practices used in the Purchase of their Ships Ladings, in China, to the great Prejudice of the Company; the Directors have been employ'd almost ever since, and have been indefatigable in examining the Officers of the said Ships, &c. in relation to the said Information; from some of whom it was with the utmost Difficulty that they could get satisfactory Answers to their Questions: But on Wednesday they went through the said Affair, so far as can be proceeded on before the Return of James Naish, Esq; who went out Chief of those Supercargoes, but was left in China to prepare Ladings for the 4 Ships which sailed from hence the last Season, and who is not expected here before next June. However,

The Directors so much approve of Mr. Arbuthnott's Integrity and Zeal for the Company's Interest, that altho' they have not yet stationed the Ships they have lately taken up, nor chose any Supercargoes for such of them as they shall send for China, yet they have determined to send him the ensuing Season Chief Supercargo to China.

Wednesday Mr. Dagley and Mr. Wells, Bricklayers, and Mr. Porter, Carpenter, began to survey the new Sewer that was lately built from Scotland-Yard to Cleveland Court, St. James's. They found several Defects in the said Sewer, which will, we hear, cause a great Part to be broke up again. They were employ'd on one part by the Ground Landlords, who are obliged to pay for the Building of it, and on the other part by Order of the Commissioners of the Sewers.

The Part which lately fell in over against the Cocoa Tree in Pall Mall, is to be done with Stone, by reason of the great Quantity of Water which comes from a Sewer from St. James's Square, and carries all before it.

Commissions of the Peace are passing the Seals for the Counties of Chester and Cardigan; also for the County of Renfrew in Scotland. Also

A Commission appointing the Master of the Rolls, one of the Judges, and two Masters in Chancery, to hear Causes in the Absence of the Lord Chancellor.

Ecclesiastical Promotions. The Rev. Mr. Scot, Lecturer of St. Chittopher's, was, on Tuesday chosen Lecturer of St. Mary Islington.

Deaths. On Saturday dy'd in returning from Bath, the Lady Jackson, Relict of Sir Peter Jackson, an eminent Turkey Merchant, and Daughter of Sir Peter Vandepost —— Last Week died the Wife of Mr. Beech, at her Seat at Gaston in Hertfordshire: She was one of the Coheiress's of ——— Marsh, Esq. Her only Sister died some time since at Hackney unmarried.—On Tuesday died at her House in Albemarle street, St. James's, the Lady Betty Nightingale, Daughter to the late Earl Ferrers.——Thursday died, in James-street by Bedford-Row, Mrs. Barnadiston, Wife of John Barnadiston, Esq; an eminent Turkey Merchant.——The same Day died Mr. Boheme, an eminent Merchant in Red-Lyon Court, Watling-street.

Christned Males 163. Females 155. In all 318.
Buried Males 254. Females 231. In all 485.
Increased in the Burials this Week 27.

Prices of Goods at Bear Key.

	per Quarter.		per Quarter.
Wheat	19 to 27	Hog Pease	14 to 15
Rye	14 to 15	Peale	20 to 23
Barley	14 to 16	Pole Malt	19 to 24 6
Oates	9 to 13	Brown Malt	18 to 24
Marle Beans	13 to 21	Tares	18 to 24

Coals 23 s. to 26 s. 6 d. per Chaldron.
Hops 1729 — 50 l. to 73 l. per Hundred
Hops 1730 — 51 l. to 61. 6 s. per Hundred.
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